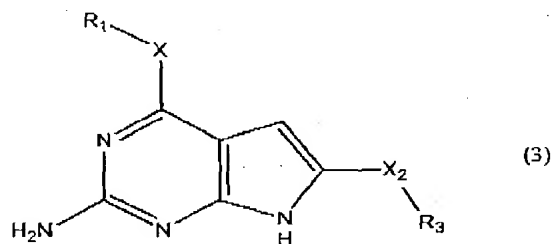


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSIn the claims:

1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A compound, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs thereof, having the formula (3):



where X is NH- and R<sub>1</sub> is present;

X<sub>2</sub> is from one to three atoms, and if R<sub>3</sub> is not present, is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heteroalkyl group and a heteroalkenyl group, and if R<sub>3</sub> is present, X<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene group, a heteroalkylene group, an alkenylene group and a heteroalkenylene group;

and any carbons or nitrogens of said alkyl group, alkylene group, alkenyl group, alkenylene group, heteroalkyl group, heteroalkylene group, heteroalkenylene group or heteroalkenyl group can optionally be substituted with a straight or branched lower alkyl group or alicyclic group of from 1 to 6 carbons;

R<sub>3</sub> is optionally present;

R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, an alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group and a substituted alkylheteroaryl group;

if present, R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, an alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group, a substituted alkylheteroaryl group, and p-aryl-glutamate a 4-(1,3-dicarboxyl propyl amino carbonyl) aryl group;

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and each substituent of any substituted group is the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of a straight or branched lower alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or alicyclic group of from one to 6 carbons, an alkoxy group, an alkoxyaryloxy group, and a halogen.

**23-35 (Cancelled)**

**36. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 22, wherein  $R_1$  is *m*-bromophenyl.

**37. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 22, wherein  $X_2$  is  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ .

**38. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R_3$  is 2-pyridyl.

**39. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R_3$  is phenyl.

**40. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R_3$  is *p*-methoxyphenyl.

**41. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R_3$  is *o*-chlorophenyl.

**42. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R_3$  is 1-naphthyl.

**43. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R_3$  is 2-naphthyl.

**44 -52 (Cancelled)**

**53. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 22, wherein  $X_2$  is  $\text{CH}_2$ .

**54. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein  $R_3$  is phenyl.

**55. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein  $R_3$  is 2-methylphenyl.

**56. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein  $R_3$  is 2-chlorophenyl.

**57. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein  $R_3$  is 2,4-dichlorophenyl.

**58. (Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein  $R_3$  is 2,5-dimethoxyphenyl.